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SUBJ: LA PAZ TEACHERS STRIKE CONTINUES

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1. THE STRIKE OF LA PAZ TEACHERS LED BY THE ANK AND FILE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO REJECT AN OFFER BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION TO PERMIT ELECTIONS IN TE LA PAZ URBAN TEACHERS FEDERATION WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AND TO TERMINATE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION OF THE FEDERATION AFTER THE ELECTIONS. THE RANK AND FILE COMMITTEE INSISTS INSTEAD ON THE IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF INTERVENTION AND PROMPT ELECTIONS.

2. THE TEACHRS STRIKE, NOW IN ITS SEVENTH DAY, HAS EFFECTIVELY PARALYZED SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF LA PAZ.

3. COMMENT: EDUCATION HAS BEEN A FIEFDOM OF THE FALANGE UNDER THE BANZER REGIME. LOSS OF CONTROL OVER TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS WOULD REPRESENT A SET BACK FOR THE FALANGE AND COULD THREATEN THE PARTY'S POSITION IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. THE STRIKING TEACHERS ARE ADAMANT AND ONLY STRONG GOVERNMENT ACTION WILL PREVENT THEM FROM OUSTING THE FALANGE INTERVENTORS.

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